

SB 695 -- ADMINISTRATIVE CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS

SPONSOR: Keaveny (Mitten)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill allows for a child to be added to an existing administrative child support order. If the Family Support Division within the Department of Social Services has entered an administrative child support order and an additional child or children not the subject of the order are born to the parties, the division may, under certain circumstances, modify the underlying child support order to include a single child support obligation for all children of the parties in conformance with Missouri Supreme Court child support guidelines.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill deals with a very limited circumstance dealing with administrative child support orders, and permits multiple children to be added to a single child support order. Currently, the only way to establish child support for multiple children is to bring a separate action for each child. This is language the Department of Social Services put together with the help of the Attorney General's Office.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Cox; Stephan Tomlinson, Department of Social Services, Missouri Bar Association; and Missouri Attorney General's Office.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.